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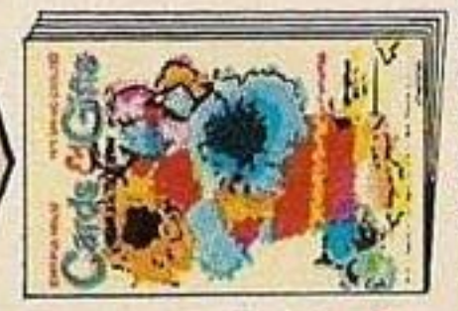

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IF WE DON'T GET OUR OWN HEADS BACK ON--CHEMO WILL SPLATTER US!-- GOLD! LET GO! THAT'S MY HEAD!

SORRY, MERCURY!

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DID YOU EVER WONDER WHAT WOULD HAPPEN IF THE ***METAL MEN*** LOST THEIR HEADS? AND GOT THEM ALL SCRAMBLED? GASP AT THE STAGGERING SURPRISES AS THE MOST UNIQUE ***METAL MEN*** IN THE UNIVERSE BATTLE THE MENACE THAT CANNOT BE BEATEN! ***CHEMO--THE ALL-LIQUID GURGLING GIANT...*** IN THE MADDEST CAPER IN HISTORY--

The HEADLESS ROBOTS!

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AT THE HIGH SCHOOL OF SCIENCE, ALERT STUDENTS QUESTION THE FAMED INVENTOR OF THE FABULOUS *METAL MEN*...

DOC MAGNUS--WHAT MAKES YOUR ROBOTS SO LIFE-LIKE?

THEIR "RESPONSOMETERS"!-- IRON, TIN, PLATINUM-- GOLD, LEAD, MERCURY-- DETACH THEM, PLEASE!

A GASP ARISES AS THE ROBOTS DECAPITATE THEMSELVES..

HI-- F-F-FOLKS!

THIS IS ONE OF THE ADVANTAGES OF BEING A ROBOT!

YEAH! WHEN YOU'VE GOT A HEADACHE--YOU CAN TAKE YOUR HEAD OFF!

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HA, HA, HA!

WHAT WOULD HAPPEN IF THE *METAL MEN'S* "RESPONSOMETERS" GOT MIXED UP--NOT PLACED BACK ON THEIR *OWN* BODIES?

GOOD QUESTION--I DON'T KNOW--IT'S NEVER HAPPENED!

BUT, THE UNIQUE ROBOTS REACT TO THE STARTLING QUESTION...

GOSH! I'D SH-SH-SURE LIKE TO CHANGE PLACES WITH GOLD! JUST TO SEE WH-WH-WHAT IT'S LIKE TO BE AN IMPORTANT METAL! J-J-JUST ONCE!

THANKS FOR THE COMPLIMENT, TIN! BUT--YOU ARE JUST AS IMPORTANT AS ANYONE OF US!

SURE, KID!

I CAN'T SEE MYSELF CHANGING PLACES WITH TIN! AND GETTING A STAMMER AND AN INFERIORITY COMPLEX! I'M UNIQUE AS I AM! THE ONLY METAL THAT'S LIQUID AT ROOM TEMPERATURE! THE--

THAT'S JUST THE THING TO SAY TO HELP CURE TIN, ISN'T IT, MERCURY! WHY, YOU BUBBLE-HEAD! WHO'D WANT TO CLIMB INSIDE A THERMOMETER AND CHANGE PLACES WITH YOU?

WHY--YOU CRAZY, MIXED-UP PLATINUM DOLL! YOU OUGHT TO BE GIVEN AWAY AT CARNIVALS!

AND YOU OUGHT TO BE USED TO FILL A MOLAR FOR A CANNIBAL, YOU MERCURY MESS!

TINA!--MERCURY!--SHHH--PEOPLE ARE LISTENING!

YOU WANT THEM TO THINK WE CAN'T GET ALONG WITH EACH OTHER?

YOU'RE HURTING DOC'S FEELINGS TOO! LOOK AT HIM!

THERE'S YOUR ANSWER! THE METAL MEN ARE UNPREDICTABLE ENOUGH WITH THEIR OWN "RESPONSOMETERS"! HOW THEY'D REACT WITH OTHERS IN PLACE OF THEIR OWN--I CAN'T EVEN IMAGINE! LUCKILY--IT HASN'T HAPPENED SO FAR!

DOC--I'M SORRY!

INSTEAD OF BEING SORRY--TRY BEHAVING LIKE A LADY FOR A CHANGE! I--I MEAN A ROBOT! AWW--YOU'VE GOT ME MIXED-UP TOO!--AND PLEASE-GET YOUR COLD, CLAMMY, PLATINUM HANDS OFF ME!

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JUST AS THE TURBULENT INTERVIEW ENDS...

DOC--WHAT ABOUT *TIN'S* ROBOT GIRL FRIEND? THE ONE HE MADE FROM A "DO IT YOURSELF" ROBOT KIT? HAVE YOU GOT A NAME FOR HER YET?

NO--I'M WAITING FOR *METAL MEN* FANS TO NAME HER!--BRING HER OUT, *TIN!*

FROM THE WINGS WHERE SHE HAS BEEN SHYLY WAITING, *TIN* CLANKS FORWARD WITH...

LET THE F-F-FOLKS GET A GOOD LOOK AT YOU, BEAUTIFUL! MAYBE Y-Y-YOU'LL GIVE THEM AN IDEA FOR A NAME FOR YOU!

OK-K-KAY!

LATER, THE *METAL BAND* IS SPED ON THE UNIQUE JETAWAY BACK TO DOC'S LABORATORY COMPLEX...

SORRY FOR THE WAY WE BEHAVED, *DOC!*

IT'S NOT YOUR FAULT--ANY OF YOU! I BLAME MYSELF! I CAN'T BE A GOOD INVENTOR!

AND AS HE CIRCLES AN AIRLINER...

I MUST HAVE MADE ERRORS IN ASSEMBLING YOU! OR YOU'D REACT LIKE ORDINARY ROBOTS!

DOC--DON'T SAY THAT--YOU MAKE ME WANT TO CRY!

THAT'S *EXACTLY* WHAT *DOC* MEANS! ROBOTS ARE *NOT* SUPPOSED TO BE ABLE TO CRY!

MAYBE *DOC* OUGHT TO MELT US DOWN--AND START ALL OVER AGAIN!

N-NO--NOT YOU! YOU'RE ALL VALUABLE! I'M TH-TH-THE ONE!

M-M-ME TOO!

SUDDENLY--LIKE A TONGUE OF FIRE LASHING OUT...

DOC!--LOOK!-- THAT JET AIRLINER!

IT MUST'VE BEEN HIT BY LIGHTNING!

NO--THAT FLASH CAME FROM BELOW--FROM THE SEA!

VROOOSH!

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INSTANTLY--AT THE INVENTOR'S COMMAND--THE GLITTERING *METAL MEN* UTILIZE THEIR UNIQUE POWERS...

GOLD! AN OUNCE OF YOU CAN BE DRAWN INTO A WIRE SO MILES LONG! CATCH THAT FALLING PLANE!

I'M ON MY WAY WITH A LIFENET!

THUNK

TWANG

TINA! YOU CAN BE DRAWN INTO A PLATINUM WIRE SO THIN--IT WOULD TAKE 8 MILLION STRANDS TO FORM A CABLE ONLY AN INCH IN DIAMETER! *SEW UP* THE PLANE!

I'M JUST A ROBOT, REMEMBER!

OKAY!--BUT STOP GIVING ME A WOMAN'S WORK TO DO!

AS A COAST GUARD VESSEL SPEEDS TOWARD THE SCENE...

IRON!

I KNOW WHAT A "MUSCLE MAN'S" FOR, DOC! I'LL YANK THEM ALL UP!

BUT-- WHILE THE STRONG MAN-METAL LIFTS THE RESCUED JET AIRLINER...

ANOTHER BOLT FROM THE SEA!

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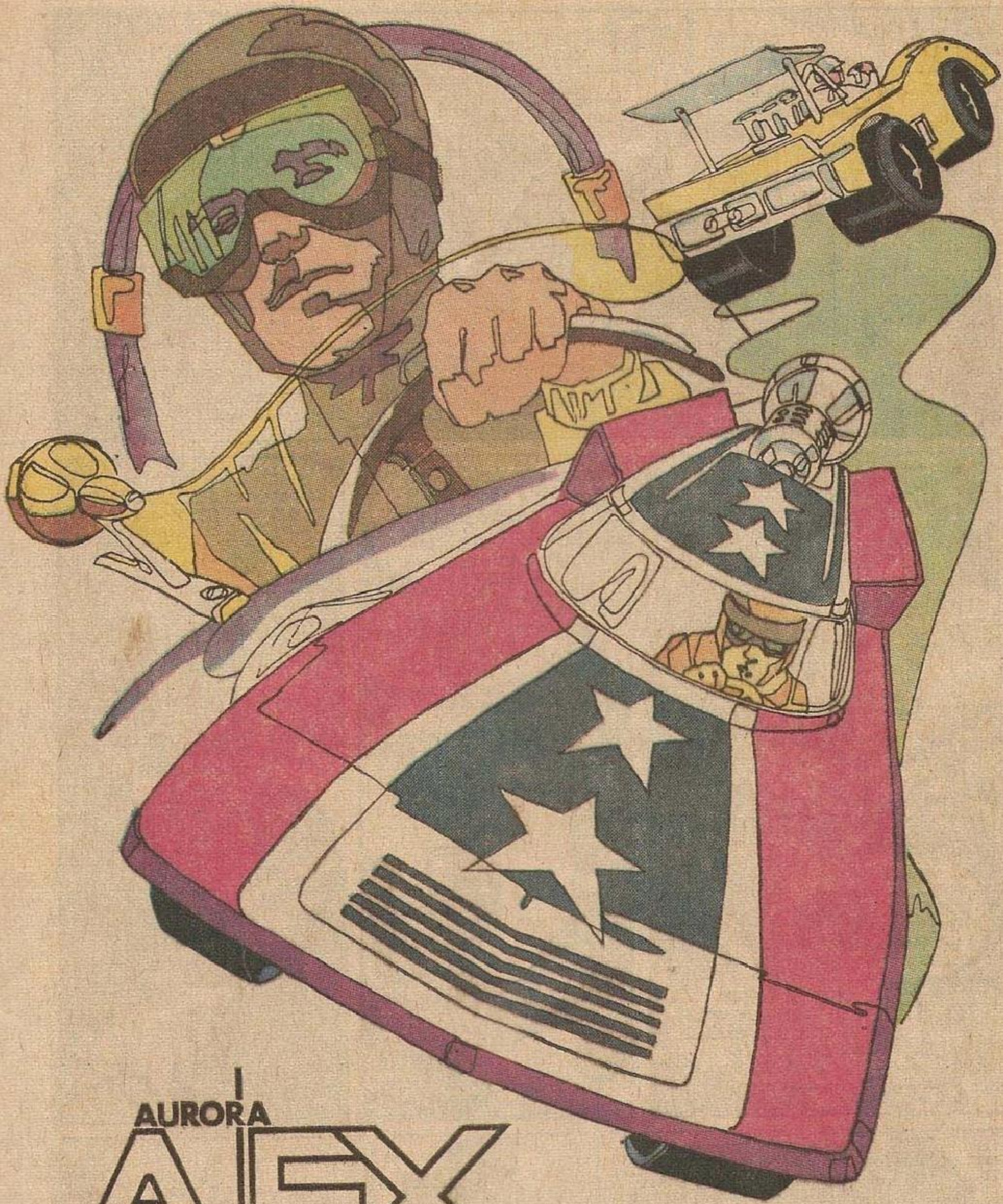

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PART TWO "The METAL MEN in The HEADLESS ROBOTS!"

AS THE DISINTEGRATING BOLT HURTLES AT THE *METAL MEN* AND THEIR CARGO...

IT'S UP TO YOU TO SHIELD US, *LEAD!*

THAT'S WHAT *LEAD'S* FOR, *DOC!* OR YOU COULDN'T HANDLE X-RAY OR RADIUM!

THE LOYAL *LEAD* FORMS A BUFFER BETWEEN THE METAL BAND AND THE SINISTER STREAK PURSUING THEM...

SEE! *LEAD* CAN ST-ST-STOP ANY-THING! THAT'S WHY *DOC* USED *HIM*-- INSTEAD OF A H-H-HUNK OF *TIN* LIKE ME!

DON'T SAY THAT! *I* L-L-LIKE YOU!

BUT, EVEN AS THE INVENTOR SPEEDS AWAY...

THAT BOLT MUST BE CHEMICAL! *LEAD'S* BEING EATEN AWAY!

A FEW MOMENTS LATER, AT THE NEARBY AIRPORT...

WHAT A THRILL--YOU NOT ONLY **SAVED** US--

--YOU EVEN GOT US HERE ON **TIME!**

WAIT'LL MY KIDS HEAR I MET THE *METAL MEN!*

METAL MEN

SHORTLY, AS THE GLUM INVENTOR CIRCLES THE FIERY SMELTER OF HIS HUGE LABORATORY COMPLEX...

WH-WH-WHAT ARE YOU DOING, GOLD?

DOC! YOU'RE TOO SOFTHEARTED TO SMELT US DOWN AND INVENT NEW ROBOTS THAT WON'T GIVE YOU THE TROUBLE WE HAVE!

I'M GOING TO HELP YOU!

SPLAASH!

BEFORE DOC'S STARTLED GAZE...

NO!--NO!--WAIT--!

YOU'LL DO BETTER W-W-WITH-OUT ME!

ME T-T-TOO!

NICE KNOW-ING YOU!

SO LONG, DOC!

SPLASH!

THE INVENTOR IS NUMBED AS IF IN A LIVING NIGHTMARE AS...

THIS IS GOODBY--FROM YOUR CRAZY, MIXED-UP PLATINUM DOLL, DOC!

TINA!--DON'T!--TINA--WAIT!

LET... GO... OF... ME... DOC--PLEASE..?

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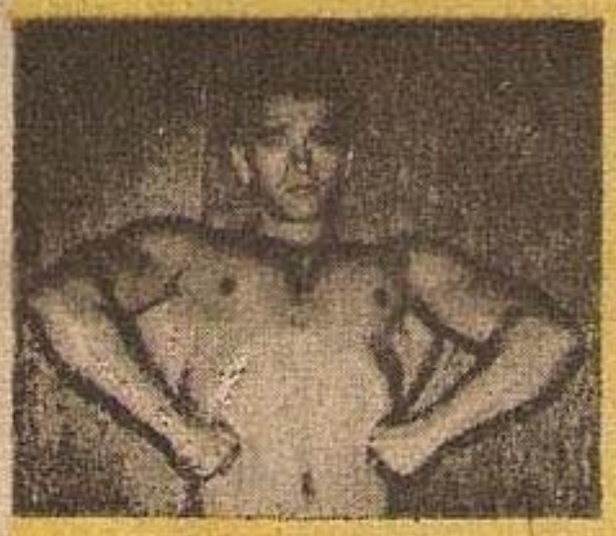

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NO! I WON'T! NOT UNTIL YOU COME BACK!

DOC!-- PLEASE LET GO OF ME--BEFORE I DRAG YOU DOWN!

SSSSS

SSSSS

I WON'T LET GO UNTIL YOU REWIND YOURSELF!

BUT-- *DOC!* I'M ONLY A METAL ROBOT! NOT HUMAN! LET GO--BEFORE YOU FALL! DOC-- PLEASE?

SSSSS

SSS!

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OHH--DOC-- I CAN'T TAKE THE CHANCE OF ANYTHING HAPPENING TO YOU! MOVE AWAY FROM THE EDGE--PLEASE! BEFORE YOU FALL IN! I'M COMING UP!

WH-WHAT GOT INTO ALL OF YOU?

WE WERE JUST TRYING TO HELP YOU, *DOC!* AFTER ALL THE TROUBLE WE CAUSED YOU!

OVERLOOKED IN THE EXCITEMENT, BUT NOW SPUTTERING LIKE A CRANKY RADIATOR...

YOU DIDN'T THINK *I'D* LEAVE *DOC* ALL ALONE! HE NEEDS SOMEONE TO BE THE LEADER OF THE *NEW METAL MEN!* *ME!*

HERE WE GO AGAIN!

YOU--A *LEADER?* TAKING *GOLD'S* PLACE? WHY-- YOU MERCURIAL BLOB! YOU ANIMATED POGO STICK! *YOU--!*

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AFTER LANDING AT THE HUGE LABORATORY — COMPLEX, THE GENIUS INVENTOR HURRIEDLY SALVAGES THE REMAINS OF THE *METAL BAND* FROM THE SMELTER...

HOW COULD THEY HAVE THOUGHT THAT I COULD EVER REPLACE *THEM?*

IN THE *METAL RECOVERY ROOM*, THE WIZARDRY OF SCIENCE BEGINS ITS DAZZLING WORK...

AS LONG AS I RETAIN THEIR ORIGINAL "RESPONSO-METERS" THE *METAL MEN* WILL REMAIN EXACTLY THE SAME AS THEY WERE BEFORE!

WHAT AM I SAYING?

LASTLY, IN THE ISOLATION LAB, THE SCIENTIST HORRIFIEDLY CHECKS HIS FINDINGS ON THE BLASTED *LEAD*...

NOW I KNOW WHAT CAUSED THIS DESTRUCTION TO *LEAD*--BUT I CAN'T BELIEVE IT! I *WON'T* BELIEVE IT! IT'S TOO HORRIBLE!

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WHILE *MERCURY* AND *TINA* WAIT FOR THEIR ROBOT BAND TO RECOVER...

ANOTHER TWO HOURS AND WE CAN PUT ON THEIR "RESPONSOMETERS"! *SOMETHING* MUST BE WRONG WITH MINE TOO!--I'M GLAD TO SEE THE OLD *METAL MEN* REASSEMBLED AGAIN EVEN IT IT MEANS I'LL HAVE TO COMPETE WITH *GOLD* TO BE "TOP BRASS!" ME--*MERCURY*--BRASS--GET IT, *TINA*--I MADE A HA-HA!

WHAT'S *DOC* DOING IN A FROGMAN SUIT?

A FEW MOMENTS LATER... AS THE INVENTOR STARTS TO JET AWAY...

WAIT FOR ME, *DOC*!

GOING FOR A SWIM, *DOC*? I'D LOVE TO JOIN YOU!

IF YOU WANT TO TAKE A BATH--WHY DON'T YOU GO TO A CAR-WASH LAUNDRY!

AND THEN, WHIRLING UP TO THE JETAWAY LIKE A CRAZY SPUTNIK...

I KNEW THE MOMENT *TINA* DISAPPEARED SHE'D BE ACTING LIKE A WOMAN--INSTEAD OF A ROBOT, *DOC*! I'M HERE TO PROTECT YOU!

AND WHO'LL PROTECT *ME* AGAINST *YOU*?

I WILL *DOC*!

DON'T HIDE IT FROM US, *DOC*--YOU FOUND OUT IN THE LAB WHAT BLASTED *LEAD*! AND YOU'RE GOING BACK TO THE SPOT WHERE HE WAS STRUCK--TO FIGHT THE MENACE! DON'T DENY IT! MY WOMAN'S INTUITION TELLS ME I'M RIGHT!

TINA!--YOU'RE A ROBOT! YOU HAVE NO **INTUITION**! IT COULDN'T BE BUILT INTO A **COMPUTER**!

BUT--AS THE INVENTOR CIRCLES THE SINISTER AREA OVER WHICH, EARLIER, ANNIHILATING BURSTS HAD SCORCHED UP FROM THE SILENT SEA...

IF I'D'VE **BEEN** ALONE-- THIS FIGHT **WOULDN'T** BE **OVER** BEFORE IT EVEN **STARTED!**

SSSSSSS

SO!--A ROBOT **CAN'T** HAVE A WOMAN'S INTUITION, **DOC?** DON'T ACT LIKE A STUBBORN MALE! ADMIT I WAS RIGHT! YOU CAME BACK TO FIGHT THIS DEADLY MENACE ALONE!

DOC! STOP ARGUING WITH HER! YOU'RE FORGETTING HOW **HIGH** UP YOU ARE! YOU'LL BE FLATTENED LIKE A RUBBER PANCAKE WHEN YOU SMACK THE WATER!

END OF **PART TWO! PART THREE OF** *The* **METAL MEN** *in* **"THE HEADLESS ROBOTS!"** CONTINUED ON 3RD PAGE FOLLOWING...

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PART THREE "The METAL MEN in "The HEADLESS ROBOTS!"

AS THE INVENTOR AND HIS TWO ROBOTS HURTLE TOWARD THE OMINOUS WATER... MERCURY UN-CORKS HIMSELF LIKE A POOL SLIDE...

YOU DON'T HAVE TO MAKE ANY "DEATH SLIDE" WHEN I'M AROUND, DOC!

YOU CAN COAST NOW!

WHERE DO YOU WANT TO GO FROM HERE?

THE ANSWER SHATTERS MERCURY...

LOOKS LIKE WE HAVE NO CHOICE-- BUT TO GO ALL THE WAY DOWN!

DOWN HURTLE DOC, HIS PLATINUM ROBOT, AND THE SCATTERED GLOBULES OF MERCURY!

WHAT A TIME TO FALL APART!

METAL MEN

SCATTERED INTO LIQUID GLOBULES BY THE SHATTERING BOLT, THE FLOATING *MERCURY* ALONE ESCAPES AS...

DOC!--AND TINA! FALLING INTO A VACUUM TORN IN THE WATER!

UNABLE TO HALT THEIR HEADLONG PLUNGE--THE INVENTOR AND HIS PLATINUM ROBOT HURTLE TOWARD A NIGHTMARISH FIGURE!

IT'S *CHEMO!* THE ALL-CHEMICAL VILLAIN! *THAT'S* WHO DOC FOUND TRACES OF--IN HIS AUTOPSY OF *LEAD!*

CHEMO! ALIVE AGAIN...FOR THE SECOND TIME!

INTO THE TANK-SIZE HAND--*DOC* AND *TINA* TOPPLE!

I WONDER IF *DOC* IS THINKING THE SAME THING AS I--THAT *HE* WOULDN'T WANT TO SPEND HIS LAST MOMENTS WITH ANYONE ELSE--BUT ME!

I WONDER IF *TINA* IS THINKING OF THE FIRST TIME WE LEARNED ABOUT *CHEMO--THE CHEMICAL CATASTROPHE!*

BUT AS THE LIQUID ORBS OF THE *GURGLING GIANT* DRIP ACIDLY AT HIS CAPTIVES...

FROM THE DYING LIPS OF THE SCIENTIST WHO ACCIDENTALLY CREATED HIM! AND WHO, IRONICALLY, BECAME *CHEMO'S* FIRST VICTIM!

GURGLE GURGLE

METAL MEN

DOC RECALLS THE GIGANTIC BODY OF THE DYING SCIENTIST LYING IN HIS SMASHED UNDERGROUND LAB...

TO REMIND ME OF MY FAILURES... I POURED ALL THE COUNTLESS CHEMICAL COMPOUNDS OF MY UNSUCCESSFUL EXPERIMENTS... INTO AN ELASTIC, PLASTIC TEST TUBE IN THE SHAPE OF A HUMANOID I CALLED ***CHEMO***-- FOR A JOKE!

LIKE A FANTASTIC BREW, THE CHEMICAL COMPOUNDS SEETHED AND CHURNED UNTIL...

GURGLE! GURGLE! GURGLE!

GURGLE! GURGLE! GURGLE!

WHROOOSH!

THE JOKE'S ON ME-- ***CHEMO'S*** COME ALIVE!

CHEMO'S A WALKING CHEMICAL ARSENAL!... HURLING DEADLY LIQUID BOLTS!... STOP HIM... BEFORE IT'S... TOO...

HE'S GONE! A VICTIM OF UN-CHECKED GIANTISM THAT ***CHEMO*** CAUSED!

THE FIRST BATTLE AGAINST ***CHEMO*** ENDED WITH ***DOC*** AND ***TINA*** CORNERED IN AN UNDERGROUND CAVE WHERE...

DUCK ***UNDER*** THE GAS JETS, ***TINA!*** OR WE'LL BE SCORCHED TO ASHES!

KRRAIRRRR

METAL MEN

A HAIRBREADTH FROM DESTRUCTION--THE INVENTOR AND HIS PLATINUM ROBOT STARE AT...

CHEMO'S RUN INTO THE GAS JETS!

SSSSSS!

THEY'RE COOKING HIM!

SSSSSSS!

HE'S GONE! A MENACE NO LONGER!

BUT--NOW, **AGAIN**, THE INVENTOR FINDS HIMSELF TRAPPED BY THE **CHEMICAL CATASTROPHE**...

CHEMICALS IN THE SEA MUST HAVE REJUVENATED ***CHEMO*** AGAIN! IF THERE'S A WAY OF COMPLETELY DESTROYING ***CHEMO***--I HAVEN'T DISCOVERED IT! AND IT LOOKS LIKE I'LL ***NEVER*** GET A CHANCE TO--NOW!

AND THEN, AS IF ***CHEMO'S*** EYES WERE A MOVIE SCREEN PICTURING THE LIQUID BRAIN'S ANSWER TO THE TRAPPED SCIENTIST'S QUESTIONS...

CHEMO MUST BE TELEPATHIC! HE'S SHOWING ME WHAT HE INTENDS DOING WHEN HE COMES OUT OF THE SEA!

DOC GASPS AT THE FANTASTIC SCENES IN THE CAMERA-EYE...

GURGLE! GURGLE!

SSSSSSSSS

CHEMO'S LEVELING EVERYTHING AROUND HIM! BUT WHY?

IN THE FEARFUL CAMERA-EYE OF HIS CHEMICAL CAPTOR, *DOC'S* BRAIN REELS AT THE FINAL SCENES WHICH DEPICT...

CHEMO'S DESTROYED THE WORLD!--TO MAKE IT OVER AGAIN! RETURNING IT TO THE SEAS!--A LIQUID WORLD!--RULED OVER BY A LIQUID-BEING--*CHEMO!*

GURGLE!

GURGLE!

GURGLE!

AS THE AWFUL VISION FADES--*DOC* FRANTICALLY SIGNALS AN *S.O.S.* TO *TINA* ON HER UNDERWATER "*RESPONSOMETER*" RADIO KEY...

T-I-N-A! YOU'RE *PLATINUM!* YOU CAN DRAW YOURSELF INTO WIRE ONE HUNDRED TIMES THINNER THAN A SINGLE HUMAN HAIR! LEAVE ME! PICK UP *MERCURY!* AND RETURN WITH THE *METAL MEN!* YOU'VE GOT TO STOP *CHEMO* BEFORE HE STARTS HIS WAVE OF DESTRUCTION!

LEAVE YOU? THE ONLY HUMAN I LOVE! NO!--*NO!--I CAN'T!*

BUT--UNDER THE INSISTENT PLEADING OF HER INVENTOR...

HURRY, TINA! HURRY! CHEMO'S STARTING HIS WORLD-WIDE ATTACK!

OHHH, DOC! IF ANYTHING HAPPENS TO YOU--I'LL--I'LL--JUMP RIGHT INTO THE SMELTER!

METAL MEN

AS THE *PLATINUM ROBOT* SPINS UP FROM THE SEA...

BLUP-BUB! HEY, *TINA*!-- WAIT FOR ME!

HOOK ON--BEFORE I LOSE MY MOMENTUM--AND FALL DOWN!

LIKE A GLEAMING KITE IN THE SKY *TINA* SOARS..

I CAN DRAW MYSELF OUT ONLY ABOUT 50 MILES! IT'S A GOOD THING THE LAB IS NEARER THAN THAT! PULL YOURSELF TOGETHER, *MERCURY*! WE'VE GOT TO GET THE *METAL MEN* OUT OF THE *METAL RECOVERY ROOM*! AND BATTLE *CHEMO* FOR *DOC*--AND THE WORLD!

WHY DID YOU LEAVE *DOC*? I THOUGHT YOUR "*RESPONSO-METER*" WAS MIXED-UP ABOUT HIM!

YOU MEN ARE ALL ALIKE! WHETHER YOU'RE HUMAN OR ROBOTS! *MERCURY*--YOU'RE ALWAYS SPUTTERING ABOUT ME BEING A CRAZY, MIXED-UP PLATINUM DOLL WHO THINKS SHE'S HUMAN! NOW THAT I'VE REACTED LIKE A *ROBOT* FOR ONCE--YOU COMPLAIN BECAUSE I *DIDN'T* ACT LIKE A *HUMAN*!

REACHING THE HUGE LABORATORY COMPLEX, THE *PLATINUM ROBOT* REWINDS HERSELF ONTO ONE OF THE SPARE JET-AWAYS...

THE *METAL MEN* OUGHT TO BE RECOVERED BY NOW! BRING THEM HERE WITHOUT A MOMENT'S DELAY--WHILE I READY THE JETAWAY FOR TAKEOFF! HURRY!--*HURRY*!

OKAY!--BUT DON'T ACT LIKE A BOSSY FEMALE JUST BECAUSE I ASKED YOU WHY YOU DIDN'T ACT LIKE A HUMAN! IF IT WEREN'T FOR *GOLD*--*I'D* BE THE NATURAL CHOICE TO BE THE *LEADER* OF THE *METAL MEN*!

GLANCING UP FROM THE CONTROLS A FEW MOMENTS LATER...

MERCURY! HAVE YOU GONE OUT OF YOUR "*RESPONSO-METER*"? WHY DIDN'T YOU PUT THEIR "*RESPONSO-METERS*" ON?

YOU SAID TO BRING THEM HERE WITHOUT A MOMENT'S DELAY, DIDN'T YOU? I'LL ATTACH THEIR "*RESPONSOMETERS*" ON THE WAY! *FOLLOW ME, IRON*!

OKAY!

AT LAST--I'VE GOT MY CHANCE TO LEAD THE *METAL MEN*!

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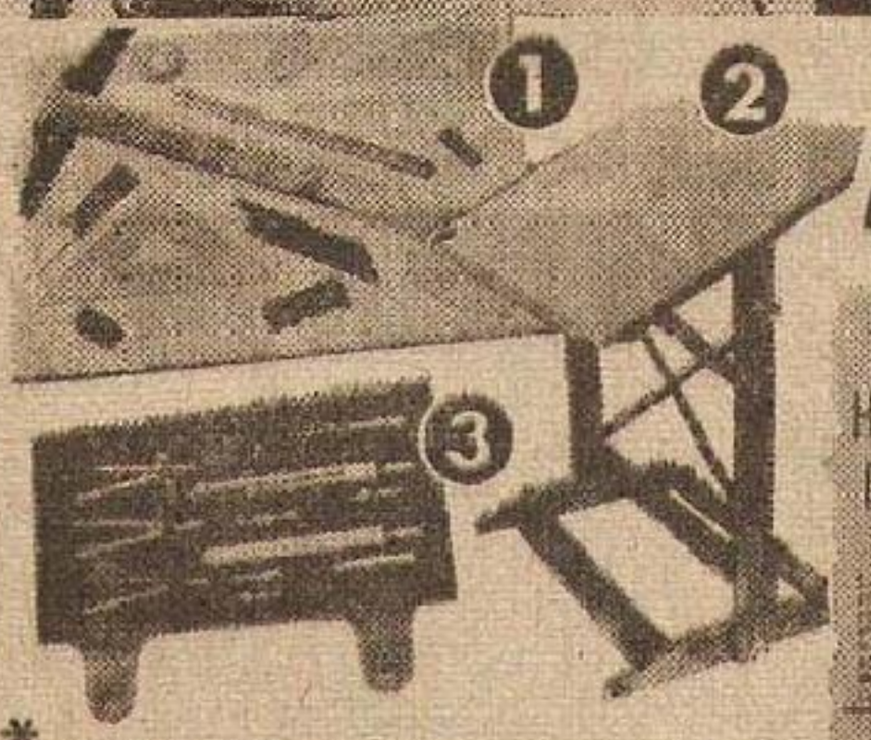

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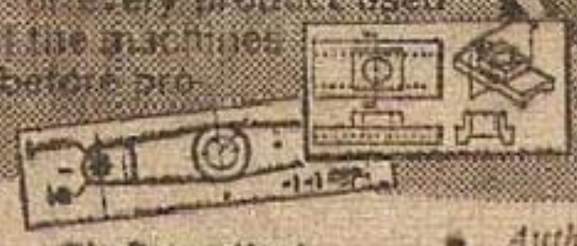

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AS THE JETAWAY ZOOMS INTO THE SKY, PILOTED BY THE UNPREDICTABLE **TINA**--FOR THE FIRST TIME THE HEADLESS ROBOTS ARE LED BY THE TEMPERAMENTAL **MERCURY**...

I HOPE **DOC'S** UNHARMED--EVEN THOUGH HE'S STILL **CHEMO'S** CAPTIVE! OHH--LOOK! A SKYSCRAPER MELTING! **CHEMO** MUST HAVE LEFT THE SEA! HE'S HEADING IN OUR DIRECTION! **MERCURY!**--GET THE **METAL MEN'S** "RESPONSOMETERS" ON!

OKAY--OKAY! I DON'T HAVE TO BE TOLD WHAT TO DO! I'M NO SCHOOLBOY!

BUT--AT THE SIGHT OF THE FAMILIAR JETAWAY--**CHEMO** UNLEASHES A LIQUID BOLT WHICH...

MERCURY--WE'LL HAVE TO FIGHT **CHEMO** RIGHT HERE! HAVE YOU GOT ALL THE "RESPONSOMETERS" BACK ON THE **METAL MEN** THEY BELONG TO--?

SSS-SSS-

NO!--I DIDN'T GET A CHANCE TO--!

NEVER BEFORE WAS SUCH A FANTASTIC FOE FACED BY SUCH A HEADLESS BAND IN A BATTLE AT WHICH THE WHOLE WORLD WAS AT STAKE...

MERCURY! PUT OUR HEADS BACK ON! QUICKLY!

AND DON'T GET US MIXED UP!

P-P-PUT ME BACK ON MY TIN BODY! I'M NOT GOOD ENOUGH TO BE ANYONE **ELSE'S** H-H-HEAD!

M-M-ME TOO!

STOP YELLING AT ME ALL AT ONCE! I'VE ONLY GOT TWO HANDS!

HURRY! BEFORE THAT CHEMICAL BLOWTORCH HEATS US UP INTO STEAM!

BUT, WITH A MOCKING GURGLE, **CHEMO** CREATES THE FINAL CHAOS...

SSSSSSS

WHEN... **CHEMO** SAW WHAT HAPPENED TO THE REST OF THE **METAL MEN** WHEN THEY'RE HEADLESS--AND HE DID THE SAME TO US!

SSSSSSSS!

BLUB-BUP!

WHO'S GOING TO LEAD US NOW?

METAL MEN

FRANTICALLY, THE **HEADLESS ROBOTS** WILDLY SCRAMBLE FOR THEIR OWN "RESPONSOMETERS"--BUT IN THE DIZZY CONFUSION...

IF WE DON'T GET OUR OWN HEADS BACK ON WHERE THEY BELONG--**CHEMO** WILL DESTROY US! **TIN**--LET GO OF ME!--YOU'VE GOT MY HEAD!

GURGLE!

GURGLE! GURGLE!

S-SORRY, **MERCURY!**

IF OUR "RESPONSOMETERS" DON'T MATCH OUR BODIES--WHO KNOWS WHAT WILL HAPPEN? **LEAD!--YOU'VE** GOT **MY** HEAD!

LET GO OF MY HEAD--PLEASE! I'VE GOT TO FIND **DOC!** I'M TALKING TO **YOU--!** YES, **YOU!**

OOPS--MY MISTAKE!

OHHH--I'M SORRY, **T-T-TINA!** I DIDN'T KNOW YOU WERE T-T-TALKING TO ME--I DON'T HAVE A N-N-NAME YET!

AS THE HUMBLE **TIN** AND HIS NAMELESS GIRL FRIEND RE-COVER THEIR OWN "RESPONSO-METERS"...

WE'D B-B-BETTER GET OUT OF THE WAY--AND LEAVE THE FIGHTING TO THE OTHERS! I'M NOT G-G-GOOD ENOUGH TO FACE **CHEMO!**

ME T-T-TOO!

BUT, BEFORE THE STARTLED GAZE OF THE STAMMERING METAL AND HIS SHY COMPANION--LITTER CHAOS ENSUES AS...

I'LL **WIRE** MY-SELF AROUND **CHEMO**--SO THE REST OF YOU CAN STOP HIM! UHH--I FORGOT I'M ON **LEAD'S** BODY! **LEAD'S NOT DUCTILE** LIKE **GOLD!** HE **CAN'T** BE **DRAWN** INTO **WIRE! MERCURY!** YOU ALWAYS WANTED TO LEAD THE **METAL MEN! HERE'S** YOUR CHANCE!

GURGLE!

SSSS

WITH **WHAT?** I **CAN'T** FIND MY BODY? **WHO'S** GOT MY **BODY?** WHO'S--?

I GUESS **I** GRABBED IT IN THE SCRAMBLE, **MERCURY!** I THOUGHT I'D POUND **CHEMO** WITH AN IRON SLEDGEHAMMER--NOT A SPLATTER OF **MERCURY!** **SORRY!**

GURGLE! GURGLE!

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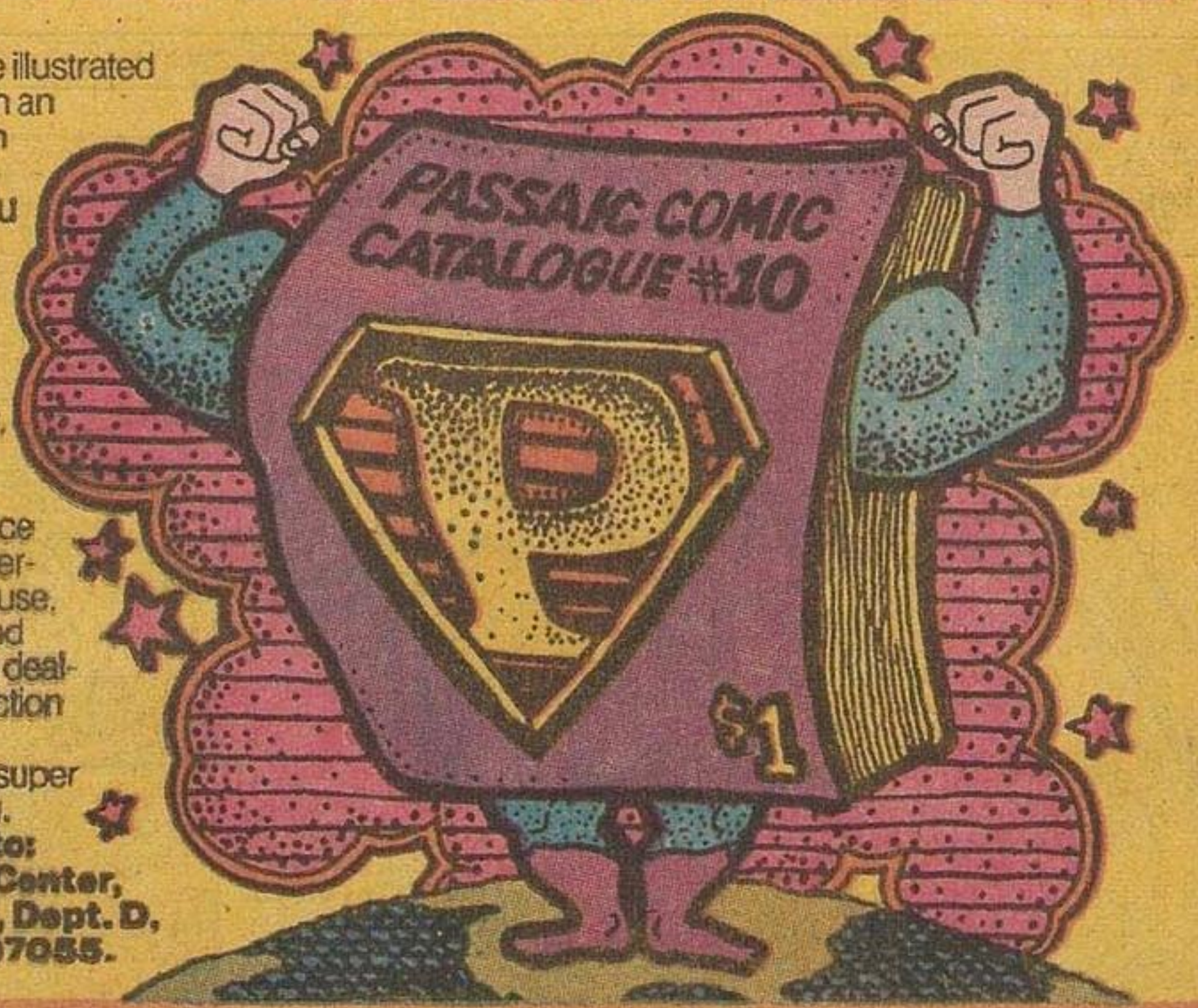

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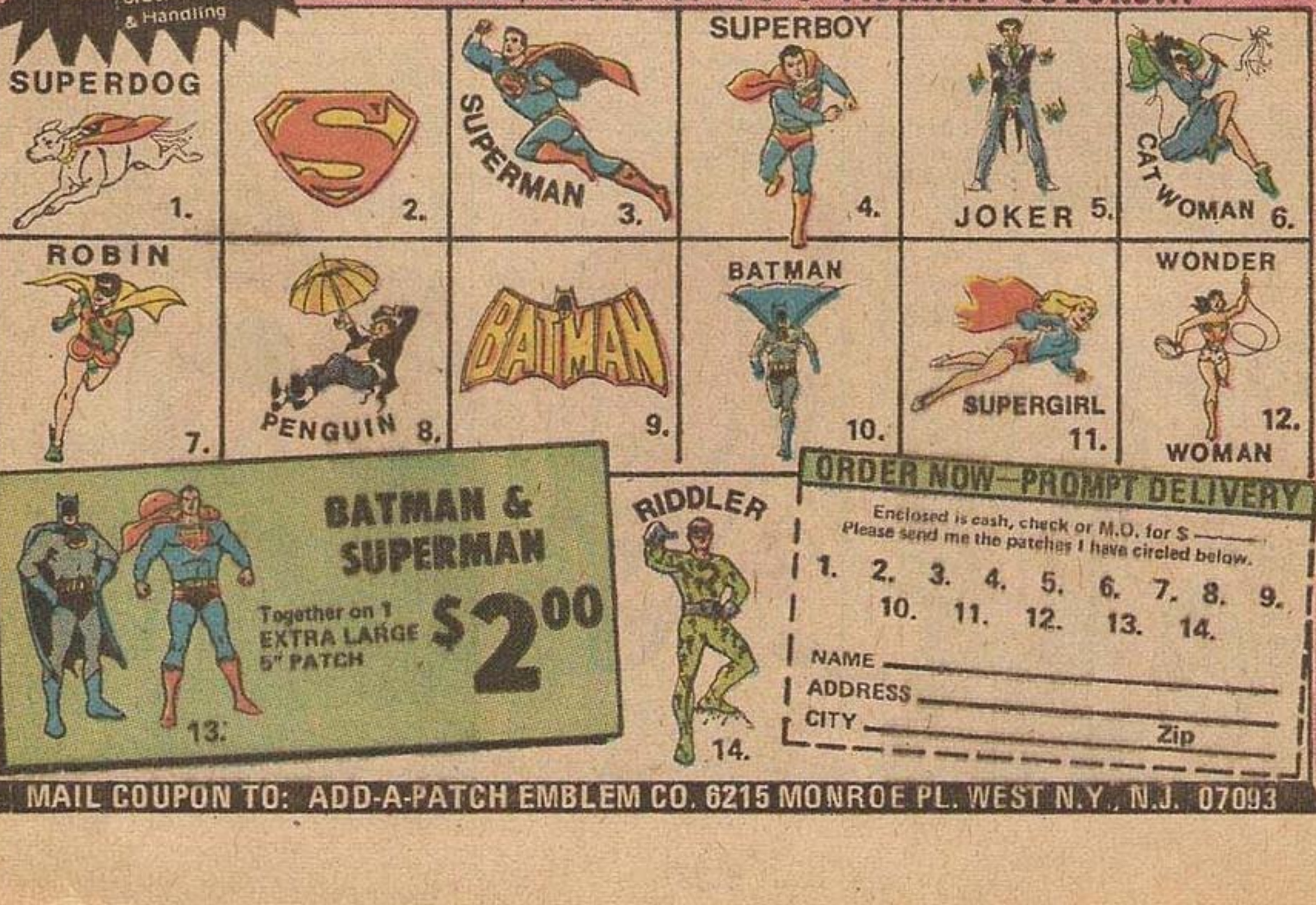

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IF I'D'VE STOPPED TO THINK--I'D'VE REMEMBERED THAT I CAN'T STOP ACIDS WITH A **LEAD HEAD** AND A **GOLD BODY**!

SSSS-SSSS

DOC!--DOC!-- ALL IS LOST--!

I WANT TO BE WITH. YOU--TO THE END!

THE **TIN ROBOTS** STARE IN HORROR AT THE TRIUMPHANT **CHEMO**..

GURGLE-GURGLE-!

THERE'S N-N-NO ONE LEFT--BUT US! THIS **IS** THE E-E-END! AFRAID?

NOT AS L-L-LONG AS I'M WITH YOU, **TIN**!

BUT I WISH I HAD A N-N-NAME! SO I COULD HEAR YOU S-S-SAY IT! J-J-JUST ONCE!

THE **TIN COUPLE** LAUNCH THEMSELVES IN A KAMI-KAZE ATTACK AGAINST THE INVINCIBLE **CHEMO**..

LET'S GO OUT--LIKE F-F-F-FIRE-WORKS!

A B-B-BEAUTI-FUL THOUGHT, **TIN**! ONLY YOU C-C COULD HAVE THOUGHT OF IT!

METAL MEN

WHAM!

BLAM!

F-F-FRICTION IS MAKING ME B-B-BOIL!

M-M-ME TOO!

BUT, INSTEAD OF MELTING INTO LIQUID, A PHENOMENON OCCURS KNOWN AS THE *TIN PEST*...

TURNING INTO **POWDER**...WON'T BE ABLE TO SAY GOODBY IN ANOTHER SECOND--GOODBY BEAUTIFUL...

OHH, ***TIN***! YOU STOPPED STAMMERING! AND--SO DID I! GOODBY, MY HERO! GOO...

SUFFOCATED BY THE CHOKING *TIN* DUST ENVELOPING HIM, ***CHEMO*** CRUMPLES TO EARTH...

SSSSSSS-

GURGLE! GURGLE!!

GURGLE... GUR... G... UHH...

THUD!

METAL MEN

FROM THE EERIE DUST HEAP... TWO FIGURES EMERGE ...

TIN AND HIS GIRL FRIEND, DOC,-- WHAT'S HER NAME? THEY KAYOED CHEMO WHEN THEY TURNED INTO DUST! IMAGINE! TIN DID WHAT NONE OF US COULD!

THIS SHOULD TEACH ANYONE WITH AN INFERIORITY COMPLEX WHETHER HE'S HUMAN OR METAL-- THAT HE'S JUST AS GOOD AS ANYONE ELSE!

THE INVENTOR AND HIS SURVIVING ROBOTS GATHER THE REMAINS OF THE METAL MEN...

YOU'VE RE-ASSEMBLED THE METAL MEN BEFORE, DOC--BUT WHAT ABOUT TIN AND HIS GIRL FRIEND?

TIME WILL TELL, TINA!

AFTER WEEKS OF THE MOST INTENSIVE EFFORT BY THE GENIUS-INVENTOR IN HIS LABORATORY-COMPLEX...

MIND IF I CALL YOU B-B-BEAUTIFUL-- UNTIL THE READERS NAME YOU?

I'D L-L-LOVE IT!

The END

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The Metal Men are all robots . . . and very remarkable ones, too. But they were not the first robots, and are not likely to be the last; they're not the only types of robots, either.

The word "Robota" means "forced labor" in the Czechoslovakian language, and it was the great Czech playwright Karel Capek who first reduced the word by one letter, and coined the term "Robot." In 1923 he wrote his play "R.U.R.," and as more and more audiences around the world saw the play performed, the word "Robot" gradually became a part of many languages.

"R.U.R." (the letters stand for 'Rossum's Universal Robots') told the story of businessman Rossum, who became a millionaire when he invented artificial men, built of the strongest metals, that could be used for all the strenuous labor that people did not want to do for themselves.

Three years later, the great German film producer Fritz Lang made the science-fiction classic "Metropolis" (no relation to Superman's home town). It featured a feminine robot which thrilled movie audiences as it glided into life in a super laboratory as complex as Dr. Magnus'.

Not all robots have been on the side of mankind . . . and not all robots are built to resemble human beings. Just as there are robots of different characters, there are also those of different designs. Some are less portable than others . . . some do not move at all, and are usually referred to as super-intelligent computers (like the fictitious but well-known 'H.A.L. 9,000').

Robots in films are generally shown as villains, with terrifying names like "Colossus," "Gog," and "Gort." More than one robot has been called by the name "Tobor," which is really the word 'robot' spelled backwards. For some reason, most friendly robots are called "Robby" or "Robert" in movies and stories; probably because the name "Robert" is closest to the sound of the word "Robot."

In recent years, reality has caught up with science-fiction in many fields. A leading science-fiction author (who is also an acknowledged expert in just about everything), Dr. Isaac Asimov, has made books about robots a favorite subject of his, and created the term "Robotics," which means the science of robots and their uses.

Robot arms, controlled from a safe distance by scientists, are used to manipulate radioactive substances.

Robot limbs, to replace lost arms and legs, are being experimented with. Activated by connected nerve-endings, these arms and legs will function like the real thing and, because they're metallic, will probably be considerably stronger.

There are now huge construction machines, built with mechanized versions of human arms and legs, that lift, scoop and stack great quantities of building materials. Operated by men with remote control units, it is possible these machines may soon be computerized to act without human operators.

Most impressive is the new science of audioanimatronics. It combines artificial human figures made of steel skeletons and plastic skins, with joints that are moved by electricity or compressed air-jets. When used in connection with computerized tapes, these creations can be made to move, walk and even talk like . . . anybody. They are currently being used as nothing more than amusement park attractions; the first one seen in public was at the New York World's Fair, in the shape of a very convincing Abraham Lincoln. Take it from one who saw it . . . it's INCREDIBLE!

There are new sciences being born every day, such as the growing idea of "bionics." Bionics takes what we know about the shape and function of human organs, and combines this knowledge with the latest in miniaturized machinery. The results are first beginning to be perfected now. One that is making the news is an artificial heart. When ready, it will be able to do everything a human heart can do, and probably last for a much longer time!

But where to from here? It is only a matter of time before all these ideas and sciences are combined to make robots that will look human, move like humans, perform tasks, answer to voice commands (and give answers in their own voices) . . . and, someday, even THINK for themselves!

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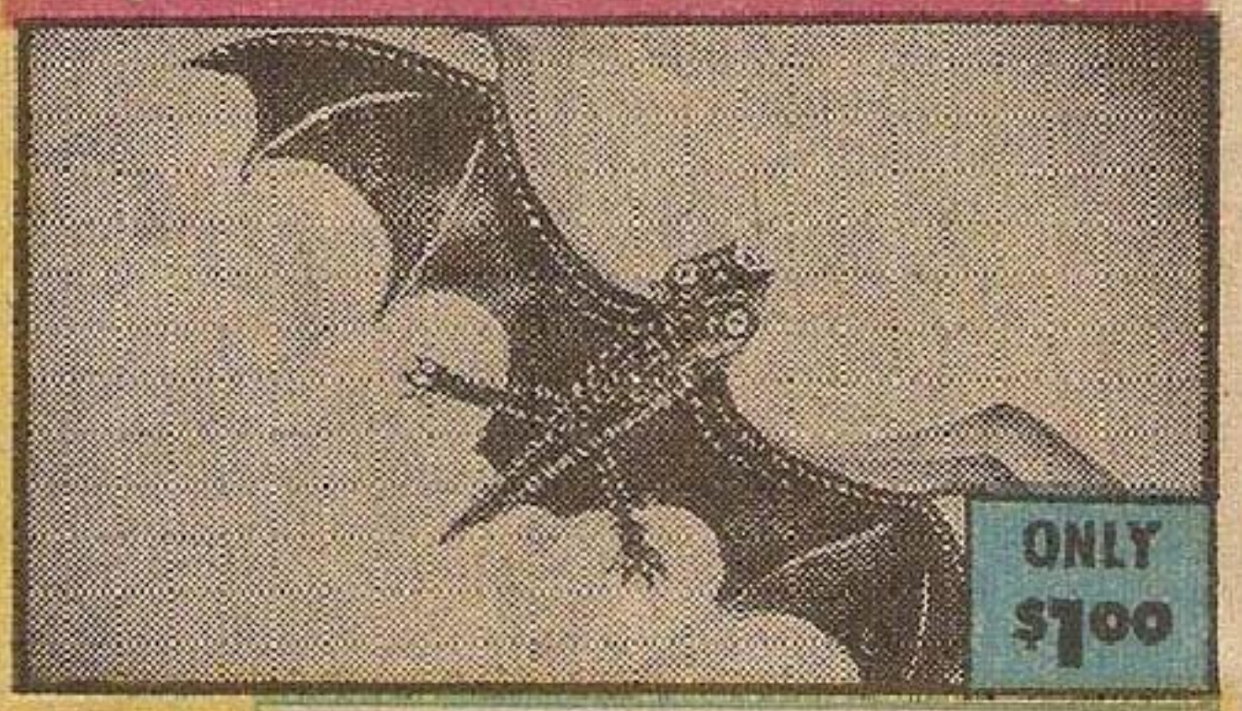

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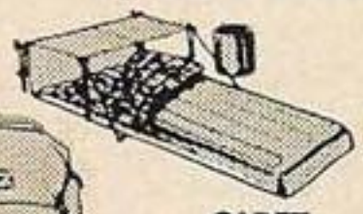

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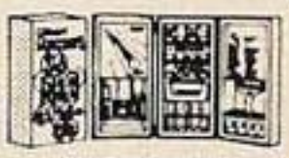

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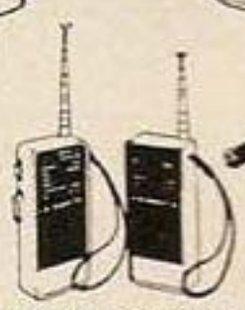

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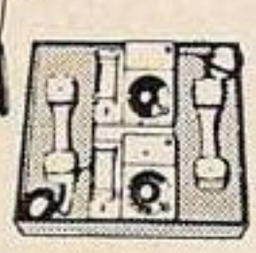

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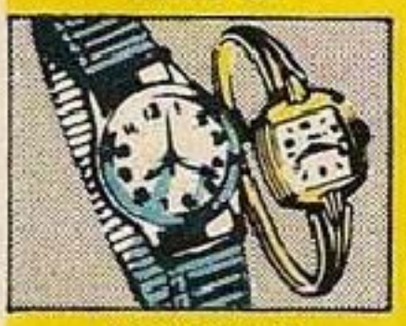

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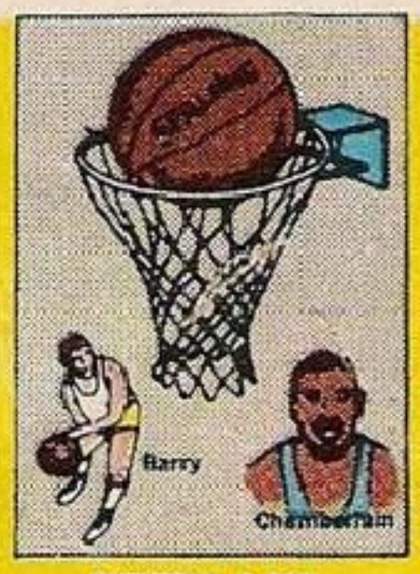

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